

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 30. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	75.4	81.4	77.0	62.2	63.5	66.9
• Passed 2 subtests	18.7	15.9	14.4	19.2	19.1	16.4
• Passed 1 subtest	4.5	2.7	5.8	11.6	10.8	10.3
• Passed no subtests	1.5	0.0	2.9	7.0	6.6	6.4

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	18.4%	17.6%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	20.2%	18.6%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	51.8%	49.9%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	96.9%	18.4%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	100.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	96.8%	18.8%	
Gender			
Male	98.5%	11.1%	
Female	95.0%	27.5%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	71.4%	0.0%	
Hispanic	100.0%	33.3%	
White	98.3%	17.8%	
Other	N/A	100.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	93.0%	15.8%	
Pay for lunch	98.8%	18.9%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	85.7%
Completers placed	75.0%
Eligible students enrolled	14.8%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,306	N/A	\$5,292	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	85.8%	Down from 90.4%	89.8%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	26.6 to 1	N/A	25.5 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=616)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	57.6%	N/A	48.6%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	90.6%	Down from 94.7%	95.1%	95.3%
• Retention rate	9.6%	Up from 6.6%	11.0%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=69)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.4 Days	Up from 7.0	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.5%	Down from 96.7%	95.8%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	56.5%	Up from 50.0%	49.3%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	78.3%	Up from 77.9%	80.6%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	7.2%	Up from 2.9%	2.4%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	88.8%	Down from 89.2%	84.5%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,018	Up 4.6%	\$38,126	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	4.9%	Up from 2.8%	3.4%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	63.8%	N/A	58.2%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	9.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	77.0%	N/A	60.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	9.5%	Up from 9.0%	10.0%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	24	N/A	31	29
• Gifted and talented	4.4%	Down from 9.1%	8.3%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.2%	Up from 8.3%	10.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	25.0%	N/A	5.2%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	91	N/A	387	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	95.5%	N/A	30.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The 2000–01 school year was a memorable year for Pelion High School. In academics, the SAT competition team regained the conference championship. One hundred percent of the senior class successfully passed the Exit Exam. In athletics, the year started with a history-making football season and continued with five conference championships. The FFA, JROTC and HOSA took state victories. PHS also proudly achieved Flagship School of Promise status.

With the guidance of our School Improvement Council (chaired by Patricia Rock), we directed and monitored progress toward our strategic plan goals.

Student achievement continues to be our primary focus. Over half the class of 2000 took the SAT. Their 1,021 average score was above both the state and national SAT averages.

The percentage of students receiving LIFE scholarships increased as we continued to practice strategies designed to help more students acquire the GPA and standardized test scores required to qualify for LIFE scholarships. We focus on classroom instruction designed to improve student performance by supporting state academic standards.

We accomplish our second goal, giving back through community and school service, by raising students' awareness of the need to perform community service and increasing participation in school projects, clubs and Service Learning.

The third school goal is to continue to increase student involvement in career activities such as job shadowing, cooperative learning experiences and internships. Last year, 49 of our 114 graduates completed a 4-unit Career and Technology major. We continue to match even more community businesses and students with school-to—career activities.

We also continue to work on the fourth school goal, increasing services for at-risk students and improving awareness of the services that are currently available in the school and the community. Poor student attendance is an ongoing concern. Improving student attendance would improve student achievement.

The construction of the new Pelion High School facility creates CAPACITY for our educational community for today and for tomorrow for core academics, fine arts, career and technology programs, and athletics. We are proud to offer CAPACITY for a growing community that has something for everyone.

Jean N. Haggard

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	93.2	80.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	97.7	82.7	
Satisfied with home-school relations	72.7	85.3	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 616 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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